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OUTLINES.

The Senate has passed the bill to make Wilmington, N. C., a port through which merchandise may be imported for transportation without appraisement. —— Rev. Chas. M. Beckworth, D. D., has been consecrated bishop of Alabama. —— Indications in Caracas are that Venezuela will accede to the demands of the allies. —— Formal notification of the blockade of the Venezuela coast by the allies will probably be issued to-day. —— Great Britain and Germany have agreed that Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadequate. —— The United States will make no effort to resist a war blockade of the Venezuelan coast as against merchant ships. —— The German government denies that orders have been issued to seize Margarita island. —— In the U. S. Court at Charlotte, parties implicated in the cherry tree swindle were sentenced to fine and imprisonment. —— A measure to appropriate $350,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law and to direct the attorney general to prosecute all violators of the law passed the House yesterday. —— Stockholders of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company met yesterday and elected the board of directors. —— Rev. A. S. Archer was killed by Casey Holland, in a quarrel near Decatur, Ala. —— The town of Andijan, Russian central Asia, totally destroyed by an earthquake. —— Sixty-three persons frozen to death in Hungary. —— Coal operators opened their case before the strike commission yesterday. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call steady at 4@6 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8.70c; flour was dull but steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 83½c; corn—spot easy, No. 2 83½; oats—spot easy; No. 2 37½c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine quoted firm at 51½.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 17.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 43 degrees. 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 67 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 55 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.37.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Tuesday 11.5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For North Carolina: Fair Thursday; light to fresh west winds; Friday fair.

Port Almanac—December 18.

Sun Rises	7.05 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	10.17 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	12.47 P. M.

Wm. Jennings Bryan has gone over into Mexico to see about that silver business.

By shelling Venezuelan forts perhaps the allied bill collectors hope to make Castro shell out.

An Axe and Tool Trust is the latest. It expects to make the public chip on and stand a good deal of chiselling.

A Pennsylvania man has invented a contraption for the execution of criminals condemned to death. It is a combination of steel collar and ropes which he guarantees will break the neck with neatness and dispatch.

In England rich people have to pay for the privilege of dying in that country as well as living. The death duties last year from the estates of wealthy people who died aggregated $93,000,000, and they couldn't dodge it either or rise up and raise a racket about it.

Don't be alarmed about the Monroe Doctrine—at least, for the present. "Uncle Sam" has forty war ships within "striking" distance of Venezuela. And Dewey is down there, too. The fellow who thinks all this is for naval "manœuvering" is just too innocent to live.

In his New York speech General Lee referred to his first meeting with General Funston in Havana, and Funston didn't see any fun in it and doesn't like it. Neither does Hon. Grover Cleveland like the references to him, although he has not publicly announced that fact.

It is said that the War Department will encourage experiments in negro colonization in Hawaii and in the Philippines. T. T. Fortune, negro editor of New York, who is now on his way to the Philippines, will give that matter some attention after he gets there. If there were many of the T. T. brand they would want to ruin the whole business.

The latest Chicago scheme is to have a million children from different parts of the country write letters to the Tobacco Trust protesting against the manufacture of cigarettes. A good scheme to make a demand for stationery and postage stamps, but that's about all. The Tobacco Trust isn't catering to the wishes of children who do not smoke cigarettes.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS TO-DAY

Chamber of Commerce Committees Will Gather—State Bankers' Association May Come.

Two important meetings will be held in the Chamber of Commerce to-day. The Harbor Shipping and Commerce Committee has been called by Chairman W. E. Worth to assemble at noon for an important purpose and fifteen minutes later the Executive Committee of the Chamber will meet in regular monthly session.

Members of the Harbor Shipping and Commerce Committee are as follows: Mr. W. E. Worth, chairman; Messrs. B. F. Hall, H. W. Malloy, James Sprunt, S. F. Craig, J. H. Brown and T. D. Meares.

One of the important subjects of consideration by the Executive Committee will be the matter of extending an invitation to the State Bankers' Association to hold its next annual meeting in this city some time in May. The Executive Committee of the Association will meet in Greensboro to-day and an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce will likely be telegraphed to the committee while it is in session for the purpose of determining upon a time and place for the annual gathering of Association members. Mr. Andrew Moreland, cashier of the Atlantic National Bank, left yesterday morning and will extend a personal invitation to the Association to meet here in behalf of the local bankers. Asheville and Morehead City are also bidders for the big gathering of the State's financiers.

The members of the Executive Committee which will meet to-day in Greensboro are: Geo. W. Montcastle, president of the Bank of Lexington; Lee H. Battle, cashier of the City National Bank, Greensboro; Jno. F. Bruton, president of the First National Bank, Wilson; Wm. H. S. Burgwyn, president of the First National Bank, Weldon; B. S. Jerman, cashier of the Commercial and Farmers Bank, Raleigh; Jas. P. Sawyer, president of the Battery Park Bank, Asheville; W. L. Persons, cashier of the Bank of Pee Dee, Rockingham; Andrew Moreland, cashier of the Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington; C. N. Evans, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, Charlotte.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

— Christmas carol song service will be practiced at the First Baptist church to-night. Mr. Brown will direct the practice.

—The STAR has received with the compliments of Messrs. R. H. Beery & Blake, a very handsome calendar for the New Year.

— Workmen are completing an extensive warehouse for Capt. James I. Metts, on the water front, just north of Springer's coal yard.

— The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the W. L. I. armory.

— A slight blaze in a dry kiln of the Cape Fear Lumber Co. at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning caused a damage of about $15. The Department responded to an alarm from box 124.

— The closed car for the beach line of the C. R. L. & P Co. was shipped on the 10th inst. and is expected here this week. It is handsomely furnished and will seat 54 persons.

— The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church at a meeting Tuesday night elected Mr. George O. Gaylord senior warden and treasurer, and Mr. Ed. Taylor was elected junior warden.

— The appointments of Rev. R. B. John presiding elder of the Wilmington District, M. E. Church, together with a number of important announcements, are printed on the second page of the STAR to-day.

— It is announced that beginning Monday, the C. R. L. and P. Company will burn its incandescent lights day and night the year round. Heretofore the lights went off at 7:30 a. m. and were scheduled to come on at 4 p. m.

— The Christmas dance of L'Arioso German Club has been postponed from Friday night, Dec. 26th, to Tuesday night, Dec. 30th. It will be a favor german and one of the most elaborate functions in the history of the club.

— By reference to the STAR's telegraphic columns this morning it will be seen that Mr. Bellamy's bill to remove certain restrictions from imports passing through the Custom House at Wilmington, has passed the Senate. It passed the House some time ago and now becomes law.

— Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burns, of Fayetteville, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday evening. Congratulatory telegrams, preceded by handsome presents, were received by Mr. and Mrs. Burns from friends in Wilmington, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and other cities.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. O'Connor—For rent.
Paris Millinery—Cut prices.
Star Office—Work for a boy.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Electric motor.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas radiators.

THE "GET ONE CLUB."

Delightful Affair at the Young Men's Christian Association Last Evening.

ADDRESS BY MR. CHADBOURN.

Elegant Supper Served in Honor of the Organization by the Ladies' Auxiliary—Informal Speech-making and Musical Entertainment.

The Get One Club of the Young Men's Christian Association was entertained handsomely last evening at an elegant supper served in the boys' room of the building by the Woman's Auxiliary. About thirty guests were present and no more delightful event has been celebrated in Association history in a long time than that last night. The supper was served in the most approved manner and the enthusiasm of all was intense.

There were a number of informal speeches, all of them sparkling with wit and humor and thoroughly in keeping with the spirit of the hour, but the chief address of the evening was by Mr. W. H. Chadbourn. He spoke as a representative of the business community and after a few happy introductory remarks in which he gave his conception of the object and aims of the Association, he dealt with his serious impressions of Association work in a most complimentary manner.

"I want to say to you young men," said Mr. Chadbourn, "and I not only speak for myself but for every business man in the city, that we put more faith and confidence in those of our employes who belong to this Association than in any others. If one of our clerks elects to surround himself with the safeguards and influences of this Association, we feel that he is one on whom we can, with confidence, rely. Such an one needs none of our watching. We know that his associates here will keep him straight. You may imagine that we buiness men do not keep track of the doings of our employes after business hours but you are very much mistaken. You might pull the wool over our eyes for a while but sooner or later we would find you out. Such a clerk generally comes in late after the proprietor has arrived and usually the first thing he does is to get a drink of water. Now, I tell you plainly, we don't want clerks whose heads are befuddled neither do we want those whose brains are in their heels."

Continuing, Mr. Chadbourn laid emphasis upon the fact that the real, true, successful business man is always anxious to push ahead a clerk and give him a lift, if necessary. All the good places are not taken and the clerk or employe who performs his allotted task with all his might and main, and lives an upright life, is as sure of success and advancement as the sun is to rise. Mr. Chadbourn gave an incident of this in his personal experience and went on to say:

"Now let me tell you that luck and favoritism have but very little to do with your success. Right living, right action and strict attention to whatever falls to your lot to do, contain the three elements of your success and I firmly believe that right here in these halls you will find more influences leading that way than in any other place in the city.

"To give you a further idea of what I, individually, as a business man think of the advantages to a young man of belonging to this Association, I have instructed all the secretaries of the Association to take note of any young man who wished to join and if by reason of his finances he did not feel able, I would pay his dues for one year. I repeat this now. So perhaps I might be considered an honorary member of your club."

Mr. Chadbourn's excellent address was preceded by the banquet to the Club which embraced a tempting menu, indeed. It was served in five courses. The decorations were palms, ferns, plants and flowers while a number of pretty table pieces lent additional charm to the festive board. The committee of ladies in charge was as follows: Mrs. C. C. Covington, Mrs. Mitt Moore, Mrs. Charles Dushan, Misses Hazel Love, Clara Woodward, Lucy Chadbourn and Keith Covington.

Secretary Dushan was present during the evening and gave a cordial welcome to all the guests. An informal programme of music was observed, notable among the selections having been two very enjoyable piano solos by Prof. J. C. Heidt, of Hollowbush's Orchestra.

The affair in every respect was a credit to the ladies who gave the banquet, to Secretary Dushan and all others connected with it.

Approaching Marriage in Durham.

Friends in the city yesterday received invitations as follows: "Mr. N. A. Ramsey requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to Rev. Robert Leslie Wharton, on Tuesday, December thirtieth, at four o'clock. Presbyterian Church, Durham, North Carolina." Rev. and Mrs. Wharton will be at home after Jan. 10th at Calbarien, Cuba.

Louisville and Nashville.

In the press dispatches to the STAR this morning local railroad people will be interested to learn that at a meeting of the Louisville and Nashville directors yesterday Col. Warren G. Elliott and President Robt. G. Erwin and Mr. Henry Walters of the Atlantic Coast Line, were elected to membership on the Board.

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Schooner Rebecca Douglas Again Afloat. Clearances Yesterday—Vessels Which Passed Out and Other Notes.

Cotton receipts yesterday, 3,396 bales; same day last year, 2,487.

The receipts of tar yesterday were heavier than on any day in a long time—456 barrels. Most of it came from up the river on the steamers *Hurt* and *Johnson*.

The schooner *Rebecca R. Douglas*, Georgetown, S. C., to New York, with cargo of lumber, which was previously reported ashore at Buoy No. 5, off Bald Head island, was pulled afloat by the tug *Blanche* Tuesday night at 10 o'clock. She is leaking some, but is otherwise damaged only slightly. She will probably tow to her destination.

The British steamer *Hermiston*, hence for Liverpool with cotton cargo, and the schooner *Eva A. Danenhower*, hence for New York with cargo of lumber, passed out at Southport at 11:30 A. M. yesterday. The schooner *Henry Weiler* passed out at 2:30 P. M. yesterday. The *Weiler* was bound from Charleston to Providence with lumber cargo and put in at Southport a few days ago for harbor.

Three vessels cleared from Wilmington yesterday with cargoes for foreign export. The Norwegian steamer *Europa* goes to Manchester, England, with 3,214 bales cotton, consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son; the British schooner *Lillie* cleared for Antegua, B. W. I., with nearly 300,000 feet of lumber, consigned by the Kidder Lumber Co., and the schooner *Lottie R. Russell* was cleared by Messrs. J. T. Riley & Co. for Messrs. S. & W. H. Northrop with a cargo of 225,251 feet of lumber, consigned to parties in Port-au-Prince, Hayti.

The steamer *Europa* which sailed yesterday evening is the first with a cotton cargo sent direct from Wilmington to the great spinning centre of the world by the Manchester canal, and Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son expect to follow this new departure while keeping up their weekly steamers for Liverpool and Bremen. The *Europa* is on a time charter and carries 3,214 bales cotton, weighing 1,578,185 pounds, valued at $131,774.00.

SOME DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Wealthy Capitalists Here Prospecting for Establishment of a Game Preserve.

Senator-elect A. O. Latimer, of Belton, S. C., Mr. J. Wideman, a wealthy manufacturer of Patterson, N. J., and Mr. J. W. Barber, another wealthy manufacturer of the North, were guests of Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy and Mr. Geo. A. Croft on a trip down the river Tuesday. The gentlemen from the North are in the South prospecting for a game preserve and were taken to Big Island for a duck hunt, which was unfortunately broken up by the adverse weather.

Yesterday, the distinguished party were entertained at dinner by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy and in the afternoon they left for their respective homes. They were much pleased with Wilmington; its fine climatic conditions and other advantages. It is not unlikely that they will return again to Wilmington in the future and decide to identify themselves with this section. Mr. Barber is at the head of the great manufacturing concern which makes the famous "Barber" flax thread.

PRETTY AFTERNOON WEDDING.

Dr. T. V. Moore, of Phœnix, Wedded Miss Elizabeth J. Powers, of Wilmington.

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma Powers, No. 216 South Second street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a quiet but very pretty wedding service performed by the Rev. R. M. Williams, of Wallace, N. C., joined in marriage Miss Elizabeth J. Powers, an attractive young lady of this city, and Dr. Tilon V. Moore, a prominent young physician of Phœnix, Brunswick county.

Owing to the recent very deep bereavement in the family in the death of the bride's father, the late Dr. K. J. Powers, the wedding was not elaborate but was very charming nevertheless. The ceremony was witnessed only by relatives and a few intimate friends, who joined heartily in happy congratulations after the consummation of the nuptials.

Dr. and Mrs. Moore will reside at Phœnix, N. C., where Dr. Moore has a flourishing practice.

ORDER OF RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.

Officers Chosen for the Ensuing Year by Cape Fear Division.

At its last regular meeting, Cape Fear Division 371, Order of Railway Conductors, elected officers for the year 1903 as follows:

C. C.—J. M. Walker.
Ass't. C. C.—W. L. Harlow.
Sec. and Treas.—T. J. Paye.
S. C.—DeLeon Fillyaw.
J. C.—W. J. Turbeville.
I. S.—J. O. Hinton.
O. S.—J. P. Cutts.
Correspondent—W. L. Harlow.
Cipher Correspondent.—C. E. McCulloch.

These will enter upon their duties on January 1st.

Will Wed Miss Stroupe.

Charlotte *Observer*, 17th: "Mr. T. Arlington McKelvie, representative of *Collier's Weekly*, spent yesterday in the city, leaving last night for Rock Hill, S. C., where he will be married to Miss Stroupe, of Salem, who is visiting friends there. The wedding will take place to-morrow evening."

TELEPHONE MATTERS

Chamber of Commerce Heard Proposition of Columbus Co. at Meeting Yesterday.

PREFERRED STOCK OFFERED.

Business Men Asked to Assist an Enterprise That Will Benefit Them—President Harrelson and Secretary Perry Here—Legislation.

An excellent opportunity was afforded the business men of the community to acquaint themselves with the merits of the proposition of the Columbus Telephone Company to extend its line into Wilmington, in the special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

President Chadbourn was in the chair at the meeting and others in attendance were: Messrs. James Kyle (secretary), Walker Taylor, W. B. Cooper, J. A. Taylor, J. N. Jacobi, Geo. R. French, H. K. Nash, I. M. Bear, G. J. Boney, H. C. McQueen, D. McEachern, T. S. McManus, manager of the Wilmington exchange of the Bell Telephone Co., W. P. Oldham, local manager for the Inter-State Telephone Co., President J. W. Harrelson; Secretary and Treasurer E. A. Perry and Directors B. F. Keith and S. F. Craig, of the Columbus Telephone Co., and Mr. G. S. Reed, of Chadbourn.

President Chadbourn, in calling the meeting to order, said that it was for the special purpose of listening to the officers of the Columbus Telephone Co. in regard to a propostition to the business men of the city to take stock in their enterprise and thereby enable the company to bring its lines from Council's station to Wilmington; that while the Chamber of Commerce would not assume any financial risk in matters of the kind in hand, that it was always glad to listen to and encourage persons from the surrounding country who had business matters to present. He asked Mr. J. A. Taylor to still further state the object of the meeting, which he did and introduced Mr. Perry, of the Columbus Company.

Mr. Perry said that the Columbus Telephone Co. was organized June 1st with a capital stock of $5,000 and privilege to increase at any time to $10,000. The business had steadily increased and the lines of the company extended, making it necessary to get an amendment to the original charter authorizing a capital stock of $25,000, which had been done. He then spoke of the company's properties and enumerated the lines of his company as follows: Wilmington to Southport; Chadbourn to Clarendon; Chadbourn to Boardman; Chadbourn to Clarkton; Clarkton to Abbottsburg and Bladenboro; Clarkton to Elizabethtown, besides a number of smaller connections, making 267 miles of single wire, upon which there were over 200 'phones. The company has arrangements under way to build connections from Whiteville to Shallotte, N. C., and Little River, S. C., and to Conway, S. C. At each of these points Mr. Perry said he was assured of a sufficient amount of stock to complete the line. The line to Southport, he said, was a metallic circuit and cost from $1,300 to $1,400 more to construct than the company had anticipated. It would require $600 to complete the link from Council's to Wilmington, and as the company was in need of money to meet the expansion of its lines, it proposed to issue $3,000 preferred capital stock, paying 6 per cent. semi-annually. A part of this, he said, was now offered to Wilmington merchants along with common stock, if any was desired.

Capt. W. P. Oldham, at this juncture, produced what was alleged to be a contract with the Inter-State Company's lines, but after some discussion tending to show that the contract was not legally signed, the matter was ruled out of order.

President Chadbourn took occasion to compliment the generosity and public spirit of Columbus county people and especially their enterprise in the matter of telephones.

Capt. S. F. Craig spoke of the completeness and efficiency of the Southport line and its great desirability to the business interests of Wilmington. He was satisfied it was a good investment and had been constructed as economically as was possible.

Mr. B. F. Keith spoke of the desirability of a connection with a territory that will soon develop into one of the finest agricultural sections in the country. A connection with the counties of Brunswick, Bladen and Pender was especially desirable in view of the tobacco movement that is now on.

Manager McManus, of the Bell Telephone Company, spoke of the desirability of stock as an investment and said with the toll stations the property should pay good dividends.

The matter was further discussed by Messrs. G. J. Boney, I. M. Bear, J. A. Taylor and W. B. Cooper, and Secretary Perry and President Harrelson will to-day make a canvass of the business section of the city with a view of securing subscriptions to the preferred stock offered. Several expressed their purpose to subscribe yesterday afternoon.

Before the Chamber adjourned a communication was received from Mr. J. A. Arringdale, chairman of the Chamber Committee on Legislation, in which he asked all members to inform him of any desired legislation which they wished presented with endorsement to the Legislature at its meeting in January.

BELONGED TO LOWRY BAND?

Prisoner on Trial in Savannah Probably Member of Outlaws That Infested Robeson County After War.

W. J. Potter and his seventeen-year-old son, Swayne, are principals in a sensational murder trial now in progress at Savannah, Ga. Interest attaches to the case in this section because detectives, who have the matter in hand, claim that they have indisputable evidence that the elder Potter is none other than Alex Hayes, a prominent member of the Henry Berry Lowry gang of outlaws, which infested Robeson county, this State, just after the war.

About the time the county was getting too hot for the lawless gang, Hayes was arrested by Deputy Sheriff William Page, and, while in the officer's custody, shot him dead with a pistol handed to him by his sister, Mattie Hayes. He made his escape to South Carolina, and thence went to Georgia. The outlaw had not been heard of since that time until now, although large rewards were offered for his capture and the authorities worked industriously on the case for days, weeks and months. The crime is well remembered by many still living in this section and one of the principal witnesses in the case now being tried was a resident of Robeson county when the Lowry band was in operation. The detectives say that in the event Potter is not convicted in the present case, they will bring him to North Carolina to be tried for the murder of Page.

Potter denies that he ever lived in North Carolina. The judge hearing the present case has instructed the jury not to let the possible belief that the prisoner is an outlaw prejudice their verdict in the matter now in hearing.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Dr. Leslie B. Evans, of Clarkton, is a guest at The Orton.

— Solicitor C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, arrived last night.

— Col. D. T. Hargrove, of Clio, S. C., was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. J. C. Jones, of Rocky Point, N. C., was a welcome visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. T. McKeithan, of the Bridgers & McKeithan Lumber Co., is a guest at The Orton.

— Mrs. W. H. French, of Rocky Point, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buzzen, of Bangor, Me., were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. G. S. Reed, a prominent truck grower of Norfolk, Va., and Chadbourn, N. C., was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Messrs. D. T. McNeill and F. A. Burroughs, of Conway, S. C. and Mr. P. Mathew, of Georgetown, S. C., were guests at the Orton yesterday.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR ELECTION.

Officers Chosen Tuesday Night for Ensuing Term—The Trustees.

On Tuesday night Carolina Lodge No. 434, Knights of Honor, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

S. P. D.—R. M. Wescott.
D.—Geo. N. Harriss.
V. D.—A. J. Howell.
O. D.—Otto Banck.
Reporter—S. G. Hall.
F. R.—T. O. Bunting.
T.—Col. John L. Cantwell.
Chaplain—Rev. J. W. Craig.
Guide—R. C. Cantwell.
Guardian—Wm. A. Willson.
Sentry—J. M. McGowan.
Trustees—R. C. Cantwell, J. M. McGowan, R. M. Wescott.

Death in Well-Known Colored Family.

Friends of Wilmington's esteemed colored citizen, Daniel Howard, will sympathize with him and the remaining members of the bereaved family in the death of his wife, Elizabeth Howard, which occurred at 9 o'clock last night at her home, No. 312 North Sixth street. She was a little over 63 years of age and a woman of exemplary character and standing in the community. She leaves besides her bereaved husband four sons and two daughters. The sons are Daniel Howard, Jr., of Boston; Prof. E. R. Howard, of New York, and Benjamin W. and McAllister Howard, of this city. The funeral announcement will be made later.

Wedded Near Fayetteville.

Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the beautiful country home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Susan Evans, near Fayetteville, Miss Jean Evans and Dr. A. S. Rose were happily married by Rev. Dr. J. M. Rose, uncle of the groom. There was a notable assemblage of guests in attendance and following the cermony there was an elegant wedding reception. In honor of the bridal party Miss Mary Warren Cameron will give a dinner at the Hotel LaFayette to which twenty couples have been invited. Hon. and Mrs. Geo. M. Rose will also give a reception to them this evening at their beautiful home on Haymount.

Special Meeting of Aldermen.

Pursuant to written request signed by Aldermen Hashagen, Bailey, Johnson and VonGlahn, Mayor Waddell has called a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen for to-night at 8 o'clock. A number of important matters are for consideration, including the passage upon applications for liquor license for the six months beginning Jan. 1st.

— Special convocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M. this evening at 8 o'clock to confer the Past Master's degree.

Cut Prices.

All Pattern Hats at Cost.

$25.00	Hats	at	$15.00.
16.00	"	"	10.00.
8.50	"	"	5.00.

Walking and ready to wear Hats that were $1.50, $1.75, $2.50 and $3.00, all at 98 cents.

Three hundred Reffer Jackets from 75c to $1.25. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Men's large Initial Handkerchiefs 10 cents.
Men's all Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25 cents.
Men's all Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25 and 50 cents.
Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs 5, 10 and 25 cents.
Large all Silk Mufflers 50 cents to $1.50.
Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs 25 to 50 cents.

We have a few Monte Carlo Coats in Tan, Ecru and Brown at $7.60 to $13.50. A big line of all colors in Coats at $2.50, $3.50, $6.00 to $12.50.

A full line of Skirts and Suits at surprisingly low prices.

If you wish to make crazy Quilts come and buy a 25c bag of Silk Scraps, it will make a quilt.

The Paris Millinery Emporium,

129 Market Street, Next Door to Bonitz House, Wilmington, N. C.

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One Price Marked in Plain Figures.

DO YOU KNOW?

If you give a woman a dress, cloak or any article of wearing apparel as a Xmas or anniversary gift she may not tell you so, but she will "sniff up her nose," and say to herself, "I had rather bought this myself—it is not a gift any way because I would have got it all the same"—give the same woman a Parlor Suite, Sideboard, Hat Rack, China Case, Rocker, or anything of a like kind to adorn and beautify the home, (women's heaven and man's comfort,) and for at least a week the days would glide softly by and life would be worth the living. Try it at a cost of from $1.00 to 150.00 and satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.

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For Christmas!

What better Christmas present for a boy or girl than a deposit in The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. "As the twig's inclined, so grows the tree." The boy who begins a savings bank account when young can accumulate a snug capital with which to begin business by the time he is a man.

Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from that date.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

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Georgetown Lumber Co.

Published reports that the plant of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Co. at Georgetown, S. C., is to be moved to Charleston are denied by officials of the company at Georgetown. The appointment of a receiver some time ago was merely a matter of reorganization and the report that one-half the plant is shut down and a number of men are out of employment is also said to be untrue. The mills of the company are now turning out as much lumber as ever.

A Complimentary German.

Miss Cammie Lord last night gave a delightful complimentary german to her class in the five-step. About 30 couples participated. The music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and the german continued from 9 to 11 o'clock

DIED.

HOWARD—At her home in this city No. 312 North Sixth street, Mrs. ELIZABETH HOWARD, aged 63 years five months and one day. Funeral notice later.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WORK FOR A BOY.

A boy to go on errands, make fires, &c., is wanted at the

dec 18 3t STAR OFFICE.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS.—There will be a Special Convocation this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock, to confer the Past Master's degree.

By order of the High Priest.

W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

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FOR RENT,

THAT VERY DESIRABLE residence now occupied by Dr. Burbank, No. 207 South Third street; ten rooms. Apply to

D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

—CALL AT—

J. H. HARDIN'S

Palace Pharmacy,

126 South Front Street,

And see his assortment of Hudnut's, Roger & Gallet's, Paul Rieger's and other manufacturer's first class Perfumes, Sachets, Soaps and other Toilet Articles. Also Brushes and Combs, Mirrors, Soap and Powder Boxes, Shaving Brushes and Mugs, Flasks, and Meerschaum and Brier Root Pipes.

Agent for Wiley's Chocolates and Bon Bons.

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New Grocery!

This is to inform my friends and the public generally that I have opened at No. 15 North Second street a first class Family Grocery, where I am prepared to furnish the trade everything new and fresh in Fancy Groceries, Country Produce, Cigars, Tobacco, etc.

C. O. ALEXANDER.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 1st, 1902. dec 2 tf

Smokers!

If you want to enjoy a good weed and be free from nervousness and indigestion refuse every brand save

CUBAN BLOSSOM
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CUBAN BLOSSOM,
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CIGARS.

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Sales Agents.

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Merry Xmas!

Will be the lot of all who buy at

PLUMMER'S

NUTS, FRUITS,
CANDIES,

Fireworks.

Also Shell Nuts, suitable for cakes, 35 to 60 cts per pound.

Fresh shell-ground Cocoanut 12½c per quart.

Remember: It's not the quantity but the quality, though you get both at

204 PRINCESS STREET.

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Rockingham A Sheeting

250 Bales of this celebrated Sheeting; also, 25 bales of this Sheeting in short lengths at greatly reduced prices.

—ALSO—

One of the largest stocks of Groceries in the State. We solicit your business.

D. L. GORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers,
118 to 125 North Water street,
dec 18 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Important Notice.

We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine,	Vintage	1898,	per gal.,	$1.00
Port	"	"	1900,	" "	1.00
Claret	"	"	1900,	" "	1.00
Port	"	"	1890,	" "	2.00

Samples FREE at store.

Best Patent Flour O. B., per barrel $4.50. Agent for celebrated Golden Irish Shad Netting.

Regular Hams 13c per pound.

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Importer and Bottler,
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"THE FAVORITE."

"The Favorite" Barber Shop is now more attractive than ever. Recent improvements make it more pleasing to the eye; while it still maintains its old reputation for the very best service to its patrons.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING. DEC. 18.

BOTH SIDES OF THE TRUST QUESTION.

One of the broadest, most comprehensive and impartial discussions of the Trust question that we have read lately was in an address delivered by Judge Grosscup of the United States Circuit Court, whose residence is Chicago, delivered last Friday before the students of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln. He discussed both sides of the question, first the evils of the Trust system, and then the good, and the possibility of preventing or abating the evil. This address is so philosophical, apparently so impartial and honest that we quote that part of it showing the evils of the trust system, which presents food for thought for the thoughtful American whether he belives in trusts or not. After speaking of the wonderful strides this country has made in progress, industrial achievement, accumulation of wealth and as a world-power, of which as Americans we might all feel proud, he said:

Gratifying as this outward spectacle is, it should, by that very token, lead us to inquire, How goes the life within?

During these same years, one-third or more of the industries of the United States have passed from the ownership of individuals or local corporations into the great bodies of properties known as the trusts. Should the process go on until all our industries are thus consolidated, as many well-informed men now think probable, the so-called trusts will have absorbed nearly one-sixth of all the wealth, of all kinds, in the United States. Nothing in history, outside the rise of the feudal system, has left so striking a change in what may be called the personnel of ownership. As a mere right to hold and control, ownership remains, of course, unchanged, but if the process of the last few years goes on unchanged the universality of ownership that characterized our past—an ownership of our industries widely spread among the people—will be all but lost.

"Accurate statistics show that the former owners of the industries now consolidated have put their money, or the bulk of it, in the banks; the workman declines to invest his surplus wages; and with them, also standing aloof, is the ordinary man, possessing ordinary means. It is certain that, as never before in our history, there are several millions of men and women brought up in the industrial trades who are now without proprietary interest in the trades they follow. No less a man than Webster said that the freest Governments will not long be acceptable if the tendency of the laws be to create a rapid accumulation of property in a few hands, rendering the majority of the population dependent. If this be truth, it has come about that the same years that brought us riches and greatness as a nation have brought with them an internal disorder, which, if allowed to go on, will endanger the stability of the Government itself.

The men and women who, two generations ago, came over the Alleghanies into the Ohio and Mississippi valleys; the children of these, who, abiding with their fathers until wild nature had been tamed, faced wild nature again on these trans-Missouri plains; our earliest forefathers, who threw themselves on the ocean to be cast up in the wilderness; the men and women, who every year have braved something, to gain something they might call their own; these and these alone, are the true types on which our institutions thus far have found secure foundation. It was not civil and religious liberty alone these fathers sought. The spirit of adventure does not, alone, account for the courage of their children. They sought, one and all, opportunity as well; the independence of individual ownership; the fulfilment of an instinct, born with the beginnings of property itself, and without which property would not have been. This instinct it is, that has kindled, at all times, the genius of the inventor; that makes strong the arm of the laborer; that brings companionship into the field with the farmer; that sets before us a prize, nerving our resolution to its attainment: and that, turning us aside from frivolous lives, makes us useful helpers in the progress of mankind. Along with love of liberty, and reverence for the rights of man, this innate desire to acquire and possess constitute cornerstones in the fabric of our civil government—are, indeed, the spirit and soul of our civil institutions. And what shall it profit our country if it gain the whole world and lose its soul?

I do not expect the soul to be lost; I do not expect the tendency toward consolidation—a natural economic law—to cease; but I do expect that the present consolidations, and those that come after them, will either cease to exist or will be put on such firm ground, in matters of obedience to law, fairness in organization, honesty of management and permanence of reasonable success, that the average man and woman, who by birth or inclination seeks a place in industrial life, may safely become part owners in their securities, and in that way co-sharers in the advancing prosperity of the land. This, in my judgment, states the core of this whole vexed subject of the so-called industrial trusts.

This is the talk of a man who while he does not undervalue the dollar, nor underestimate the importance of the instrumentalities that multiply dollars places the *man* above the dollar, and believes there is something greater and nobler in the life and aims of a people than the mere amassing of wealth. It is the talk, as far as it goes, of the thoroughbred American imbued with the genuine American spirit which gave the American the individuality which commands the admiration of other people, and made it possible for this young Republic to quickly take place among the nations, to hold it and to grow in influence, power, and in the estimation of the world, until to-day, though still young, every nation seeks its friendship, and the most powerful are careful not to antagonize.

In the march of progress, in the changed conditions which have brought about industrial consolidation and practically destroyed individual effort, is this distinguishing individualism to be submerged, lost, and the American serf, (comparatively speaking, not in a literal sense), to take the place of the American *man*? That's the question that confronts the thoughtful American. If the consolidations in the respective industries continue as they have proceeded for some years past, it will be but a question of time, and not much time either, when all the great industries, with perhaps the exception of agriculture, will have passed permanently into the hands of the few, and the many will be dependent upon the few. We will have not only national but international combination and consolidation, making the few still more mighty and still more absolute controllers of the destinies of the many.

This has happened to some extent already. We have seen a practical illustration of it in the arrogance of the combine which controls the Pennsylvania anthracite mines, in its contemptuous treatment of its miners, and in its assumption of superiority over them, going so far as to practically claim that they rule by divine right, and know what is better for the miners than they do themselves. This is an exceptional case, it is true, but it illustrates the spirit of arrogance engendered by powerful combination when it feels its strength and can defy competition or opposition.

Judge Grosscup does not apprehend such a revolution as this, for he believes that the American people will foresee it and in time adopt remedies to prevent it, by revolutionizing, not destroying, the trusts, by regulating them, bringing them more in harmony with the American spirit, identifying them more with the people and the people with them, by making the people partners, so to speak, when they feel disposed to become partners in these consolidations, making combines in which the many instead of the few are interested. That, he says, is the problem for the statesman and the law giver. And a mighty problem it is.

THE VENEZUELAN RACKET.

According to the dispatches the Venezuelan racket is assuming an acute phase, but not yet acute enough to cause serious alarm. There seems to be a disposition on the part of Great Britain, Germany, and Italy, which has joined them in the movement, to avoid giving offence to the United States, or interfering in any way with our Government's interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine, which will prove an embarrassing restraint on them in collecting their claims or administering punishment to Venezuela. With their fleets their power reaches only as far as their guns can throw a shot.

If they could land armies and take possession of territory and hold it they might soon bring Mr. Castro and his associates to terms, but here the Monroe Doctrine comes in as an obstacle, and they have pledged themselves to respect that. This practically confines them to the sea shore, where the most they can do would be to destroy a fort, as they did at Cabello, or seize any vessel that flies the Venezuelan flag, as they did at Laguayra. There may be some satisfaction in that, but it does not collect claims.

The only thing left is a blockade, which would affect nations which trade with Venezuela as much as it would Venezuela, but if it is to be operative, as reported, only against vessels which give actual aid to the Venezuelan government, that is vessels carrying arms or munitions of war it would not amount to much.

When considered in all its bearings the allied claim collectors have entered upon a rather perplexing and expensive business, and they will not, in our estimation, add to the perplexity and expense by involving themselves in complications with this country. Arbitration will be the shortest, cheapest and most satisfactory way out of it, and that's what will probably be resorted to after they have got through with the bluster.

President Roosevelt is accumulating a large amount of bother because he has had taken from the Corcoran Art Museum a picture, a present to the United States, and had it hung in the White House dining room. The objection is that the two people shown in the picture wear the thin costume of Adam and Eve before they went into the apple sampling business, not clothes enough for even Summer time.

A few days ago an Ohio Judge dismissed a case against a Christian Science healer because he could find no law in that State which prohibited praying for the sick. Following that a Georgia Judge in the case of a Christian Scientist who refused to call in a doctor to see a sick child, which child died, has decided that there is no law in Georgia to compel a parent to give a sick child medicine.

Gen. Alger banks on the numbers 7 and 11. In nearly all his fortunate ventures and happenings these figures figured.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

THE COMMISSION WAS SHOCKED.

Among the witnesses who appeared before the Coal Commission at Scranton, Pa., were some girls under thirteen years of age, daughters of miners, who testified that they worked in the silk milks; that they worked at night, all night, and were paid at the rate of 65 cents a night, and had to be on their feet from the time they went to work until their task was done in the morning. This shocked Judge Gray, who thought it barbarous that children of that age should be thus enslaved, and he was right.

It seems to have been a revelation to him and the other members of the commission, and brought from him the remark that this testimony should awaken the people of Pennsylvania to the necessity of some legislation prohibiting the employment of children in mills or elsewhere where they are subjected to such ordeals.

There are laws in that State prohibiting the employment of children under 13 years of age in mills, but they are not enforced, and if they were enforced it would be useless, it is said, because the children taken out of the mills find employment in the coal mines, to which it seems the laws do not apply.

There are a good many silk mills in Pennsylvania, more than there are in any other State in the Union and the probabilities are that there are thousands of children employed in them, both day and night, as there were children employed in the mills where these children whose testimony so shocked Judge Gray, worked. But Pennsylvania isn't the only State, for there are thousands of children worked in the factories of Illinois, New York and other Northern States all of which have laws regulating that kind of labor, but in all of which, as in Pennsylvania, the laws seem to be dead letters.

While the opponents of child labor are calling for reform in the Southern States where children are employed in mills, they should give some strenuous effort to remedying the abuse nearer home, and by the time they have done that we venture to predict that the Southern people will have solved that question for themselves without outsid edictation or assistance.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Somebody has likened the war down in Venezuela to two whales trying to wallop a wild cat. They would wallop him right if they could get him in the water, but the wild cat know the advantage of dry land.—*Richmond Times, Ind.*

—— England and Germany will pay dearly for their assault on Castro, even if they succeed in collecting their claims. Already the people of Venezuela have boycotted goods of German and English manufacture, and the people will look elsewhere for their supplies. Here is a fine business opportunity for the United States. — *Richmond Leader, Dem.*

—— Advocates of ship subsidies in this country have been accustomed to clinch their arguments by citing the prosperity of British shipping under subsidy stimulation, notwithstanding the fact that practically an infinitesimal part of British shipping has anything like a subsidy. Nor will our subsidists abandon or even revise their arguments on this point now that a select committee of the British House of Commons has reported against the principle of granting ship subsidies.—*Louisville Coarier-Journal, Dem.*

—— The sole practical result of the German-Britannic demonstration up to the present has been to strengthen President Castro's position, re-establish his authority, bring to an end the fratricidal struggle that raged so long in Venezuela, and to land Great Britain and Imperial Germany on the horns of a dilemma, for if the Venezuelans should remain resolute the debt collectors will have to choose between an inglorious retreat or an advance that may bring them into conflict with the Monroe Doctrine—in other words, with the United States.—*N. Y. Herald, Ind.*

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

Trust those who have tried.

I SUFFERED from catarrh of the worst kind and never hoped for cure, but Ely's Cream Balm seems to do even that.—Oscar Ostrom, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

I SUFFERED from catarrh; it got so bad I could not work; I used Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well.—A. C. Clarke, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cts., or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., New York.

No Man Can Die

Of any form of Fever who uses Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic even halfway right. It is 100 times better than quinine, and does in a day what slow quinine cannot do in ten days. Johnson's Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip Poison from the blood. Write for Agency to A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga. †

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

Rheumacide

The great rheumatic remedy not only cures every form of rheumatism, but makes radical cures of

Contagious Blood Poison,

Scrofula, Sores, Boils, Catarrh,

and all diseases arising from impurities in the blood. Endorsed by physicians and prominent people everywhere after thorough trial.

DOES NOT INJURE THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.

RALEIGH, N. C.

Gentlemen:—I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the curative properties of your "RHEUMACIDE." Two bottles cured my son of a bad case. If this will be of any benefit to you in advertising your meritorious remedy, you can use it.

Yours truly, W. H. RAND, *Steward State Blind Institution.*

All Druggists, $1.00; or prepaid on receipt of price.

Bobbitt Chemical Co., - - Baltimore, Md.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Sun*: It is reported here to-day that a vein of ore has been struck at the Gold Hill Copper mine which is fabulously rich.

— Greenville *Reflector*: Fred Tyson, 15 years old and only son of Harvey Tyson, who lives near Greenville, while attempting to ride a mule was thrown, sustaining injuries from which he died Monday morning. —— The Washington & Plymouth Railroad Company is negotiating for an extension of its line from Washington to Newbern, thirty-five miles, and may make a further extension. The line from Washington to New Berne would extend through the most fertile trucking section in the United States.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: Johnsie Holland, a negro child about four years old, a daughter of Frank Holland, who works at the oil mill, was so badly burned Monday that it was not expected to live last night. The mother went to the mill at noon to take her husband's dinner, leaving her two children, the one burned and a younger one, at home in the Bradley row. The child's clothing caught fire from a grate or stove and it ran out into the yard, where its clothing was burnt off, its body also being horribly burned.

— Monroe *Journal*: Mrs. Lizzie Smith, wife of Mr. Calvin Smith, was burned to death at her home in Lanes Creek township last Thursday after noon. She was sitting before the fire making straw brooms and a good deal of light straw and chaff had gathered on the hearth before her. Suddenly this caught fire, which communicated itself to her clothing so quickly that it got beyond her control. Before assistance could reach her she was terribly burned, from the effects of which she died the following day. —— On last Friday morning a warrant was sworn out before Squire A. W. McManus of Goose Creek township against Isaac C. Long of that township, formerly a well-to-do man and citizen, charging him with attempt to criminally assault the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. Shep Benton, a white cropper on Mr. Alex Long's place. The warrant was sworn out by the girl's father. It was put into the hands of M. E. Clontz, an officer, who served it upon Long at his home. Long said he would give bond, and went into the house as if to do so. Instead of coming out again, he went through the rear of the house and escaped, and at last accounts had not been heard of. One report said that he was seen to take the train a Matthews Sunday night. Mr. Long is about forty years of age and has a wife and several children. —— Mr. L. W. Williams, of Goose Creek township, has a very large oak tree on his place, probably as large a one as is in the county. From the tree he cut the thirteen lower limbs, and on cording and measuring the wood from them he found that they made more than seven and a half cords. He judged that about half the limbs had been cut from the tree, and is satisfied that there are eight more cords of wood on it without touching the trunk.

TWINKLINGS

— Be sure you are right—then sit down and think it over.—*Life.*

— "Remember, my daughter, that 'the meek shall inherit the earth.'" "Yes: but some chesty individual will always smash the will."—*Puck.*

— Montmorency—Father thinks it would be a good thing if I should travel. Caroline—Do you mean for him or for you?—*Puck.*

— Patience—What's in a name, anyway? Patric—I once knew a family who had two hypens in theirs.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Old Emdee—Well, how do you like your profession? Young Emdee—Profession is O. K. It's the practice I'm kicking about.—*Town and Country.*

— Rodney—Nothing can be more dangerous to public safety than the automobile. Sidney—Pooh! Just you wait until flying machines get to dropping on us!—*Punch.*

— She—"In am simply delighted at the number and value of our wedding presents." He—"I'm not. Most of them came from people who are not yet married."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— Mrs. McCaul—Isn't this little Johnny Gadaway? Johnny—Yes'm, Mrs. McCaul—I was just going to call on your mamma. Is she at home? Johnny—No'm; she's just went down on the next block to look for me.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Jack—I'm not up on these things. Suppose a girl sends you a very beautiful and artistic penwiper—Tom—Yes! Jack—Will she feel hurt if you spoil its appearance by using it, or will she fell hurt if you don't?—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "Intrinsic value should never figure in considering a Christmas gift." "It never does with me," answered Miss Cayenne. "What touches me is the thought that anybody has been willing to brave a crowd of holiday shoppers for my sake."—*Washington Star.*

— "I did one charriable act today," remarked the bald-headed druggist as he sat down to dinner. "I'm glad to hear it, dear," rejoined his wife. "Tell me all about it." "Oh, there isn't much to tell," replied the pill compiler. "One of my clerks wanted an increase in salary so he could get married, and I refused to give it to him."—*Chicago News.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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Market street, Dec. 14.
Bladen street, Dec. 14.
Grace Dec 21.
Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 27, 28.
Burgaw, Rock Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, —— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

SECONDHAND SMOKES.

Selling Cigar Stubs Is a Lucrative Business In Naples.

Buying and selling cigar stubs is a large and lucrative business in the city of Naples, and many persons are engaged in it. Some of them have little stalls or shops near the docks, the arsenals and the manufacturing establishments where workingmen are in the habit of passing to and from their tasks. Others, with less capital, have little stands at street corners, a board laid across a saw horse, upon which their stock in trade is displayed, while the petty dealers in this line of business exhibit their stock in little piles upon the sidewalk, sometimes not even a newspaper being under them.

The supply comes from the cafes, restaurants, hotels and other public places. Men and women pick over the garbage heaps and the dust boxes, and boys run up and down the pavements in front of the hotels early every morning looking for "snipes." Some of the restaurant and cafe keepers sell the privilege of picking up the cigar stumps in their places to dealers, and the proceeds amount to a considerable sum during the year. In other places it is one of the perquisites of the head waiter.

Some of the stubs are taken to factories, where they are cut up and manufactured into cigarettes and smoking tobacco, but the greater part of them are sold to the lower classes of workingmen, sailors and dock wallopers, who smoke them in their pipes. At the entrance of the navy yard, which is upon one of the most frequented streets in Naples and in a very conspicuous place, half a dozen of these secondhand cigar dealers can be found when the men are coming out of the gates at the close of their day's work. The employees are not allowed to smoke inside, and their wages do not permit them to indulge in the luxury of cigars or even smoking tobacco at first hand, so, for a centissimo, which is the smallest coin imaginable—one-fifth of 1 cent—they buy a cigar stub, crumble it up in their hands and cram it into their pipes.—Chicago Herald.

A BARGAIN IN HATS.

The Reason One Woman Rejoices While Another One Mourns.

A Philadelphia woman moving in good society has been cured of a mania for attending rummage sales, but it took a heroic treatment to effect the cure. The other day she went to a sale of the description named in aid of a worthy charity in which she is interested and came away minus a twenty-five dollar hat. It happened this way:

A feature of the sale was a counter filled with untrimmed hats, advertised "Your choice for 50 cents." Now, the North Thirty-third street woman didn't want an untrimmed hat at 50 cents, but there was one that caught her fancy by reason of its odd shape, and she simply couldn't resist the temptation to try it on. So she took off the handsome hat she was wearing, placed it on the counter and picked up the untrimmed one. Then she looked around for a mirror. There was only one, and that was away at the other end of the long room.

She pushed her way through the crowd, and in the meantime a fat colored woman's eyes were glued to the hat she had left behind on the pile marked, "Your choice for 50 cents." It was a golden opportunity not to be missed. Counting out 50 cents in dimes, nickels and pennies, she shoved them at the innocent young attendant and made good her escape with the fashionable woman's hat.—Exchange.

The Dinner Ordeal.

When a man invites a friend on the street to go home with him to dinner, the nearer they get to the house the more absentminded and timid he becomes until his attitude when they meet his wife is a positive apology.—Atchison Globe.

For Over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 51½c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.20; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	45
Rosin	261
Tar	456
Crude turpentine	37

Receipts same day last year—24 casks spirits turpentine, 77 barrels rosin, 223 barrels tar, 144 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5⅛ cts. ₩ lb
Good ordinary	7 " "
Low middling	7⅛ " "
Middling	8 " "
Good middling	8 13-16 " "

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—3,396 bales; same day last year, 2,487.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call—Market was steady at 4@6 per cent., closing offered at 3 per cent; time money easier—60 days, 7 per cent.; 90 days, 7 per cent.; six months 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486 75 for demand and at 483 125@483 25 for sixty days. Posted rates 484½ and 487½@488. Commercial bills 482¾. Bar silver was 47⅛. Mexican dollars 38¼. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U S. funding 2's, registered, 107⅜; U. S refunding 2's, coupon, 108¼; U S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135; do. coupon, 135; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 118. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 94⅝ Chesapeake & Ohio 45⅞; Manhattan L 144¾; New York Central 150⅝; Reading 58¾; do. 1st preferred 85; do. 2nd preferred 75; St. Paul 168¾; do. pref'd, 190; Southern Railway 30¼; do. pref'd 90½; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 55⅜; People's Gas 100¼; Sugar 124. Tennessee Coal and Iron 53¾; U. S. Leather 11¾; do. pref'd. 86¾; Western Union 87⅞; U. S. Steel 32¼; do. pref'd 81⅜; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 57½ bid; do. preferred, 120; Standard Oil. 666@670

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 24¼@24¾; do. preferred. 41¾@42¼; bonds, fours, 82¼

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $1 82½@1 85. Spirits turpentine steady at 54½@55c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 17.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 17.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 51½c; receipts 728 casks; sales 1,043 casks; exports 471 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 4,035 barrels; sales 2,730 barrels; exports 845 barrels Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45. E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 50; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The cotton market opened steady at a net decline to an advance of one point, and ruled fairly active but irregular, at one time showing a rise of two to four points on the more active positions as compared with the closing figures of the previous day, while the lowest figure of the session showed a net decline of two to seven points, with the market finally barely steady at net unchanged prices to a decline of seven points. The room contingent sold on the bearish showing made by English cables and clearing weather in the South, in the face of a firm to a quarter higher spot market in the South, light receipts and estimates of continued light receipts. There was an absence of public support and the market easily yielded to local bear pressure until January had sold off to 8.49, March to 8.30, May to 8.32 and July to 8.32. Then a local news bureau published a statement indicating that the January bull clique, after having accumulated 1,000,000 bales in the way of January contracts, had made private settlements with spot holders to the extent of 300,000 bales, leaving the net long interest 700,000 bales, against which none of the cotton now in New York and 200,000 bales that was held in the South for shipment to New York could be delivered, while to bring 700,000 bales to New York before the end of January would be an impossibility. Following this statement January worked up nine points and the remainder of the list advanced generally three to five points, after which the market became weak under selling started by a large Philadelphia interest which undermined some of the weaker long accounts and gave the market a declining tendency at the close. The total sales futures were about 250,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton quiet at 8.70c; net receipts 1,579 bales; gross receipts 8,376 bales; stock 139,596 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet at prices: middling uplands 8.70; middling gulf 8.95c; sales 815 bales.

Cotton futures market closed quiet; December 8.49, January 8.50, February 8.36, March 8.31, April 8.31, May 8.32, June 8.33, July 8.33, August 8.14, September 7.39

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 45,160 bales; exports to Great Britain 19,479 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 10,737 bales; stock 1,038,674 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 182,533 bales; exports to Great Britain 73,554 bales; exports to France 28,837 bales; exports to the Continent 48,843 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,336,888 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,845,823 bales; exports to France 337,639 bales; exports to the Continent 1,296,373 bales

Dec. 17.—Galveston, firm at 8 5-16c, net receipts 6,614 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8 5-16c, net receipts 4,163 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¾c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.70, net receipts 372 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8c, net receipts 3,396 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 8 90c, net receipts 148 bales; Savannah, steady at 8 1-16c, net receipts 7,801 bales; New Orleans, steady at 8 3-16c, net receipts 14,114 bales; Mobile, firm at 8 1-16c, net receipts 2,517 bales; Memphis, quiet at 8¼c, net receipts 1,159 bales; Augusta, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 1,225 bales; Charleston, quiet at 8 1-16, net receipts 2,051 bales

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour was dull but steady. Rye flour was quiet. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 83¼c. Up to midday wheat was disposed toward weakness, under liquidation, easier cables and fresh short selling. Later it recovered on the small Western movement, covering and export rumors. Closed ½@¾c net higher: May 81c; July closed 78¾c; December closed 83⅝c. Corn—Spot easy; No 2 63c. Options market suffered at first from excessive December liquidation at Chicago, the wheat decline and fine weather, but rallied on recovering, late months closing ½c higher, although near months were ¾@1¼c net lower: January closed 54¼c; March closed 51c; May closed 48¾c; July closed 47½c; December closed 59¼c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 37½c. Option sales: December closed 38¼c. Lard easy; Western steam $10 90; refined easy; continent $11 00; South American $11 50; compound 7¼@7¾c. Butter steady; extra creamery 30c; State dairy 20@28c. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13¾@13¾c; small white September 13¾@13¾c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾c; other domestic 3@4¼c. Cabbages steady; domestic, per 100, white $1 50@3 00; red $1 50@3 50. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5¾c; mild dull; Cordova 7¼@13. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined firm. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs barely steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 29c Potatoes quoted steady; Long Island $2 00@2 30; South Jersey sweets $2 50@4 00; Jerseys $1 75@2 05; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50@2 00. Molasses firm. Pork easy. Tallow dull. Cotton seed oil was strong and higher on continued light supplies and firmer news from South: Prime crude f. o. b. mills 31c; prime summer yellow 38½@40c; off summer yellow 37½c; prime white 41@42c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The corn pit was the centre of attraction to day of the board of trade, the heavy liquidation of the December option causing a loss of 5½c. in that delivery at the close. May closed a shade higher May wheat closed a fraction up but oats were ¼c lower. Provisions were extremely dull. January pork closed 10c lower; lard was a shade lower, and ribs were off 1½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cash prices: Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 74@76c; No. 3 spring 68¾@72½c; No. 2 red 73¾@74¾c Corn—No. 2 47¼@50c; No. 2 yellow 57¼c. Oats—No. 2 31¾@32¾c; No. 3 white 30¼@32½c. Mess pork, per barrel, at $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 15@12 20. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 37½@8 62½. Dry salted shoulder, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 75@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74¾, 74¼, 73¾, 74¾@74½c; May 77@77¼, 77¾, 76¾@76¾, 77¼@77½c; July 74@74½, 74¼, 73¾, 74¼c. Corn—No. 2 December 52@52¾, 52¾, 47¾, 47½c; January 46¾@46¾, 47¾, 45¼, 45½c; May 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 43¼, 43½c Oats—No 2 December, new, 31¾, 31¾, 31½, 31½c; May 32¾@32¾, 32¾, 32¾@32½, 32¾c. Mess pork per bbl December $16 70, 16 70, 16 56, 16 57½; May $15 70, 15 72½, 15 52½, 15 57½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 20, 10 22½, 10 17½, 10 22½; January $9 77½, 9 77½, 9 70, 9 70; May $9 17½, 9 17½, 9 10, 9 12½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 45, 8 45, 8 37½, 8 37½. May $8 32½, 8 33¼, 8 25, 8 27½.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 2 points lower; American middling fair 5.18d; good middling 4.70d; middling 4.56d; low middling 4.44d; good ordinary 4.32d; ordinary 4.30d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,400 bales American. Receipts 32,000 bales, including 12,700 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed quiet and steady; American middling (g o c) December 4.50@4.51d; December and January 4.49@4.50d; January and February 4.49@4.50d; February and March 4.49@4.50d; March and April 4.49@4.50d; April and May 4.50d; May and June 4.51d; June and July 4.51d; July and August 4.51d; August and September 4.46d.

MARINE.

CLEARED.

Schr Lottie R Russell, Sharp, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, J T Riley & Co.

Clyde steamship Oneida, Deveraux, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

British schooner Lillie, Davis, Antegua, B W I, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Norwegian steamship Europa, Olsen, Manchester, Eng, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

ANTEGUA, B W I—British schooner Lillie, 285,319 feet lumber, valued at $4,537.19; cargo by Kidder Lumber Co; vessel by George Harriss, Son & Co.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI—Schr Lottie R Russell, 226,251 feet lumber, valued at $2,993.31; cargo by S & W H Northrop; vessel by J T Riley & Co.

MANCHESTER, ENG—Norwegian steamship Europa, 3,214 bales cotton, 1,578,185 pounds, valued at $134,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 18

STEAMSHIPS.

Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Harbart, (Br) 2,149 tons, Bowling, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Havelock, (Br) 312 tons, Beery, J T Riley & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—112 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 51 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—916 bales cotton, 13 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,705 bales cotton, 46 barrels tar, 33 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—390 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 105 barrels rosin, 77 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—31 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—217 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine, 101 barrels tar.

Steamer Compton—15 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 26 barrels rosin, 14 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—3 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 101 barrels rosin, 152 barrels tar.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—7 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 39 barrels rosin, 2 barrels tar.

Total—3 396 bales cotton, 45 casks spirits turpentine, 261 barrels rosin, 456 barrels tar, 27 barrels crude turpentine.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 12th-15th, 1903. Dates of sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive. Final limit January

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Capital	$ 300.000
Surplus	100,000
Total Assets	$2,000,000

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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Statement of Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business November 25th, 1902, condensed from report to Corporation Commission (Began business September, 1902.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$196,723 67	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Cash on hand. Due from Banks	3,019 68	Accrued interest due to depositors	475 00
		Deposits	145 000 51
	$200,143 35		$200,143 35

MATT J. HEYER, President. B. H. J. AHRENS, Vice President.

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TUSKEGEE, Ala., July 28, 1878.—DR. C. J. MOFFETT—My Dear Sir: Justice to you demands that I should give you my experience with your excellent medicine, TEETHINA. Our little girl, just thirteen months old, has had much trouble teething. Every remedy was exhausted in the shape of prescriptions from family physicians. Her bowels continued to pass off pure blood and burning fever continued for days at a time. Her life was almost despaired of. Her mother determined to try TEETHINA, and in a day or two there was a great change—new life had returned—the bowels were regular, and thanks to TEETHINA, the little babe is now doing well.
Yours, etc., D. W. McIVER, Editor and Proprietor Tuskegee (Ala.) News.

For sale by all good Druggists. R. R. BELLAMY can supply the trade with TEETHINA at Dr. Moffett's prices. fe 3 1y

TAMING A SHREW

[Original.]

"I'm afraid," said my friend Peter Bliss, "that the girl I'm going to marry is a shrew."

"You are Pete, and she is Katherine. Why not try Petrucio's plan?"

"Who was Petrucio?"

"A character in Shakespeare's play of the 'Taming of the Shrew.' He pretended to be fiercer than his wife Katherine and in this way brought her under subjection."

"That's not a bad idea."

The next time I saw Peter Bliss was at the club. His wife was in the country, and he was living a bachelor's life. I went up to him and offered my hand, which he took very coolly.

"What's the matter, old man?'

"What did you put me on to that Petrucio business for?"

"Didn't it work?"

"Oh, yes, it worked, but in a different way from the play."

I lighted a cigar and sat down by him.

"We had been married a week," he said, "and returned from our wedding trip. I got down that play you told me about and read it. The first thing that Petrucio did to show his spunk was to complain at dinner that the meat was not properly cooked and send it away. I suppose this was to starve his wife into subjection. Well, I concluded to try the same scheme. At our first meal I flourished the carving knife and cried out that the meat was burned to a crisp and not fit to eat. Kate sat looking at me in astonishment.

"'Bridget,' I yelled, 'take away this meat, and the next time you roast a piece of beef in this house don't cook it all day!'

"With this I got up from the table and went out, slamming the door after me.

"I didn't go home till late, because I wanted to give Kate time to think over what a terrible fellow I was and make up her mind to smooth me down gently. When I went up stairs, I found that she had gone off into the guestroom to sleep, leaving me our bedroom to rave in as much as I liked. Although I was disappointed that she had not received me humbly after the outbreak and endeavored to pacify me, it was plain that she was afraid of me, and this was so much to the good. I didn't sleep very well and the next morning went down to breakfast feeling much in need of a good cup of coffee. Entering the dining room, I was surprised to see no cloth on the table. What I did see was a note from Kate saying that as the servant had departed bag and baggage the day before there would be no meals served in the house for the present. She (Kate) had gone to her mother's for breakfast, and I could get mine where I liked.

"The result of the first move was not quite satisfactory. I didn't seem to have terrified my wife, and I had been the means of losing a very good servant. The truth is that I didn't have the heart to go any further. Nevertheless, after I had got a miserable cup of coffee at a restaurant (I didn't dare to come here for fear of having to answer questions), I went back home and, sitting at my wife's writing desk, wrote her a note directing her to return to the house, find a servant and behave herself. I sent it by a messenger, directing that the answer be brought to me at the office. I was afraid I wouldn't get an answer, but I did. My wife informed me that as I had been the cause of the servant leaving she would expect me to secure another, when she would go home at once.

"There was nothing to do but hunt the intelligence offices, question girls and engage one. I went through a lot of them, selected the best of the lot and hired her, but she never appeared. Then I went through the terrible work a second time, with the same result. The third girl I engaged appeared, but while waiting for me to get home the servant next door told her what a frightful temper I had, and she told me when I came she had decided that she did not want to stay.

"Meanwhile I had not sent a word to my wife, hoping that my silence would trouble her. I resolved now to write her that she was leaving work to me that really belonged to her and that it was her duty to come home and attend to the servant matter herself. I was surprised to receive a very kind note in reply, saying that I was quite right. She was the proper person to engage a girl and she would gladly do so provided the girl was not to be treated as the last one had been treated. The note ended very sympathetically.

"What I had to do in order to return to comfort was to make a simple promise not to make an ass of myself again and all would be well, but this was surrender, and I assumed that it meant living under subjection for the rest of my life. However, it was the only thing to do, and when I did it I apologized handsomely, adding that I had tried the experiment of living without her, but had found she was not only necessary to run the house, but it was desolate without her.

"I got no reply to the note, but when I went home at dinner time my wife met me at the door, threw her arms about me and made me happy as a king. The servant I had abused was cooking a dinner, and the house was in perfect order. Kate has since given me my way all I have wanted.

"It's my opinion about women," added Peter, "that to have your own way with them you've first got to make a complete surrender. Then you can do what you like. I don't believe that Petrucio story had any foundation in fact whatever."

MARTIN C. WINSTON.

A Rainy Day In Japan.

In the houses, the streets and the gardens, the places of public resort, everywhere in Japan, is to be found the all pervading element of art and beauty. A rainy day in Japan is not as in London a day of gloom and horror, but a day of absolute fascination. What a joy is the spectacle of all those lovely yellow paper umbrellas unfurling themselves beneath a shower like flowers before the sun! The Japanese have given the nation not only the house beautiful, but the street beautiful.—"Japan; a Record In Color," by Mortimer Menpes.

Dickens Said She Was a Woman.

It is said of George Eliot's literary style that its most marked characteristic is sympathy. And long before her identity had become known Charles Dickens, a singularly acute critic of his own art, detected her sex by this undercurrent of womanly sympathy. He had been reading "Scenes of Clerical Life," which had been sent to him by the publisher, and on putting the book aside he said, "Well, this writer possesses great ability, but I should say, despite the name, that George Eliot is a woman."

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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INOCULATION IN ENGLAND.

It Was Lady Mary Wortley Montagu Who Introduced It.

It was Lady Mary Wortley Montagu who first introduced inoculation for smallpox in England. While residing in Belgrade in 1717 she saw the Turks practice "engrafting," as they called it, to produce a mild form of smallpox and stay its ravages. She examined the process and, being convinced of its efficacy, applied it to her three-year-old son. On her return to England she introduced it in London. At that time it was computed that one person in every seven died of the smallpox. Yet she was opposed by the entire medical faculty. By order of government an experiment was made upon five persons then under sentence of death, and it proved perfectly successful.

But instead of Lady Mary being acknowledged as a public benefactor she was persecuted with the most relentless hostility. The faculty rose to a man against her. Even the clergy descanted on the awful impiety of seeking to take events out of the hands of Providence. The common people were urged to hoot her as an unnatural mother who had risked the lives of her own children. However, the Princess of Wales, afterward Queen Caroline, stood her friend, and truth and reason finally prevailed. It was about the year 1752 that Lady Montagu was honored by a monument erected to commemorate England's gratitude to her for introducing inoculation.

Dr. Edward Jenner substituted cowpox inoculation in 1799. He lived to be rewarded by parliament by a grant of £10,000 and later by a second grant of £20,000, and in 1858 a statue was erected to him in London. Only a bare credit was vouchsafed to Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, who bore all the persecution without any of the pecuniary reward she was entitled to and by no means a fair share of the glory.

PRETTY DISTRUSTFUL.

A Case Where Suspicion Might Be Carried Too Far.

"I told the postmaster of a town at the foot of the Cumberland mountains that I proposed a two weeks' trip among the sights and scenes of the big hills," said a Detroiter who roams all over the country, "and asked him if he couldn't give me a writing of some sort that would be a safe conduct in case I met with moonshiners.

"'Yes; I could write something, but I'm afeared it would do no good,' he replied. 'They might read the letter and know I wrote it, but they'd still be suspicious.'

"'Suspicious of what?'

"'Suspicious that you was a spy. They'd be so suspicious that they'd probably draw you up to a limb with a rope around your neck and let you hang for a minit.'

"'Then they'd let me down and believe I was all right, wouldn't they?'

"'I'm afeared not. I'm afeared they'd still be suspicious of you.'

"'Suspicious of what?'

"'Suspicious that you was a revenoo man. Then they'd draw you up again, and it might be two minits befo' they let you down this time. Two minits is a purty long time to be kickin' and chokin'.'

"'But they would finally let me down?' I asked.

"'Yes; I reckon so.'

"'And be convinced that I was no revenue man?'

"'Yes; they might, but that wouldn't end it. They'd still be suspicious.'

"'Of what?'

"'That you was a blamed fule fur bein' up thar at all, and this time they'd pull you up and leave you hangin' fur the best part of a week.'"—Detroit Free Press.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Mass., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free. †

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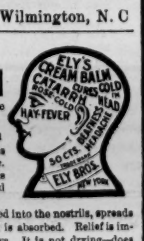

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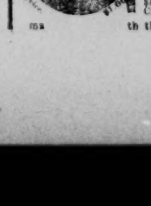

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6:40 P. M., Hamlet 7:35 P. M., Charlotte 10:15 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:0 1A. M., Hamlet at 8:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2 1 a m	9.15 a m
Ar Charlotte	....	10.33 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.05 a m	12.37 p m
Ar Athens	3 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11.20 a m
Ar Savannah	2 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	3 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6 45 p m	6 00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7 15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	....	....
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.45 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m
Ar Petersburg	5.55 a m	4.07 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.38 a m	11.05 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.27 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8 30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8.20 a. m.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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Consolidated Railways,

LIGHT AND POWER CO.

SUBURBAN LINE.

Winter Schedule, in Effect November 25th, 1902.

LEAVE FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS

At †7:00, 9:00, *10:00, 11:00 A. M. *12:00, 1:00, *2:00, 3:00, *4:00, 5:00, *6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At †8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M. 12:00, *1:00, 2:30, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:00, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:30, *10:30, 11:30 A. M. *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:40, 5:30 P. M.

LEAVE OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M. *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *5:45 P. M.

*Sunday only.
†Freight and passenger—daily except Sunday.

Regular Freight Cars leave Ninth and Orange streets at 4:00 P. M. Returning, leaves Wrightsville at 5:30 P. M

CITY LINE.

Leave Front and Princess streets daily, except Sunday, every ten minutes from 7:30 A. M. to midnight.

SUNDAY.

Every ten minutes from 8:30 A. M. to midnight.

S. A. L. CAR.

Leave Fourth and Brunswick streets daily every ten minutes from 11:35 A. M. to 12:05 P. M. and from 2:35 P. M. to 2:55 P. M.

CEMETERY CARS.

Leave Tenth and Princess streets every day, every half hour from 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. Last car leaves Cemetery 5:35 P. M.

DELGADO AND GOLF LINKS.

Cars leave Tenth and Princess streets every day and every half hour from 3:40 P. M. to 5:40 P. M. Last car leaves Golf Links at 5:50 P. M.

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Furnished on three hours' notice over any part of the City or Suburban Line from $5.00 to $15.00, according to the service.

A. B. SKELDING, Gen'l Manager.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,162,406 63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		940 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		98,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc		18,069 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		91,651 63
Due from State Banks and Bankers		115,906 29
Due from approved reserve agents		106,304 86
Notes of other National Banks	$10,000 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,854 16	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$34 545 00	
Legal tender notes	101,300 00	147,599 16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,945,078 52

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund		$125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,757 08	100,757 08
National Bank notes outstanding		95,100 00
Due to other National Banks	$71,883 60	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	267,541 10	
Dividends unpaid	292 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	801,010 99	
Cert'fied checks	4,696 30	
Cashier's checks outstanding	44,887 56	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,564,221 44
Total		$1,945,078 52

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th. day of November, 1902.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

C. W. YATES, R. A. PARSLEY, GEO. R. FRENCH, } Directors.

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Second Pat. Flour,

Straight Flour.

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The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.

nov 29 tf E. W. NOBLE.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 58 p m	3 35 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 35 a m
Ar New York	7.06 a m	1.52 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9.30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	3.27 a m
Ar Washington	2.10 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.55 p m	8.30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 32 p m	9 13 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 P m	12 50 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.19 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.20 a m	7.30 p m	2.55 a m
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	12.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.02 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar. 8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 20 p m	Ar. 5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv. 3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	12.33 p m	Ar. 12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	3.40 p m	Lv. 9 03 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 18.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21.

1:00, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 19	.....
6 46	5 52	Newbern	9 07	9 06
7 03	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.05 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at New bern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 2 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 1.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & W. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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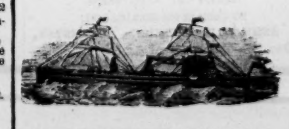

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From Wilmington for New York.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 18.

THE VENEZUELA IMBROGLIO.

The So-Called "Peaceful Blockade" Cannot be Recognized as Against American Shipping.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The officials here have come to the conclusion that the projected "peaceful blockade" of Venezuelan ports cannot be recognized as against United States shipping at least. If the allies seek to exclude Venezuelan shipping from entry to Venezuelan ports that might be permitted, but they cannot exclude United States ships in regular business unless a genuine state of war is recognized.

Regardless of the merits of the present controversy the State Department feels that the vast interests of American trade demand that this rule be adopted and adhered to, else American trade might be crippled at the will of any naval power that sought to resort to the anomalous "peaceful blockade." If Great Britain and Germany wish to exclude American merchantmen from Venezuelan ports they must exclude all shipping, including their own, a condition which can only be met by recognizing the existence of a state of war and the dismissal of the present friction.

The State Department is still hopeful that arbitration will prevail, for the alternative is now realized to be actual war between the allies and Venezuela. It is believed here that Germany, at least, is not anxious to enter upon this state.

Herr von Holleben, the German ambassador here, has gone to New York, and Count Quadt, the secretary and charge d'affaires, is transacting whatever business the embassy has with the State Department. The explanation given for the ambassador's visit to New York is simply "business," and the length of his absence is not stated.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Commission's Annual Report—Recommendation for Amending the Law—Necessity for Legislation

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The tendency to combine continues the most significant feature of railway development, according to the annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, issued to-day. The report says:

"It is not open to question that the competition between railroad carriers that once prevailed has been largely suppressed, or at least brought to the condition of effective restraint. The progress of consolidation, in one form or another, will at no distant day confine this competition within narrow and unimportant limits, because the control of most railway properties will be merged in a few individuals whose common interest impel them to act in concert. While this will insure, as probably nothing else can in equal degree, the observance of published tariffs and so measurably remove some of the evils which the act was designed to prevent, the resulting situation involves consequences to the public which claim the most serious attention. A law which might have answered the purpose when competition was relied upon to secure reasonable rates, is demonstrably inadequate when that competition is displaced by the most far-reaching and powerful combinations. So great a change in conditions call for corresponding change in the regulating statute."

The commission reaffirms its recommendation for amending the interstate commerce law and the grave necessity for legislation.

The report says that the fact that no convictions have yet been obtained nor indictments found in the cases of roads which were shown by an investigation last winter to be giving secret rates to grain shippers, emphasized the fact that the criminal provisions of the present interestate law are practically a dead letter.

CHERRY TREE SWINDLE.

Rev. T. Bright Sentenced to Fine and Imprisonment—Case of L. Pulliam.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 17.—In the United States District Court to-day Rev. T. Bright, one of the parties implicated in the cherry tree swindle, was sentenced to four months in jail and to pay a fine of $1,000. Others implicated in the swindle were fined $1,000. The women who were victimized to the extent of $10,000 will not recover a dollar of their money.

Lawrence Pulliam, ex-cashier of the First National Bank, of Asheville, who was convicted yesterday of embezzling $7,000 from the bank, was sentenced to five years in the Federal prison at Atlanta. An appeal was taken to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKESTAN.

Town of Andijan Totally Destroyed—Fatalities Not Ascertained.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ASHKABAD, RUSSIAN TURKESTAN, Dec. 16—The town of Andijan of Ferghana government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake to-day. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in New Marghelan and surrounding villages and a railroad at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to Andijan.

Andijan is a town of Russian Central Asia, 73 miles from Khokand. It had a population of about 30,600 souls.

The directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ and an extra dividend of ½ per cent.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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SENATE PASSED THE PENSION BILL

It Carries Appropriation of Nearly One Hundred and Forty Million Dollars.

THE MILITIA BILL DISCUSSED.

House Bill Concerning the Port of Wilmington Passed—The House Appropriated $250,000 to Enforce the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Senate to-day passed the Pension appropriation bill without discussion. It carries an appropriation of $139,847,000. An Urgent Deficiency bill also was passed. The amount carried by the bill is $1,140,400 and includes an item of $500,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to stamp out the foot and mouth disease, which has become epidemic in the New England States.

The Militia bill was up for a short time. Senator Bacon, of Georgia, continued his remarks begun yesterday, in which he attacked the constitutionality of the provision for a reserve force of trained men.

At 2 o'clock Senator Kean, of New Jersey, called up the resolutions expressing the regret of the Senate at the death of the late Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, and feelingly spoke of the life and character of the deceased. He was followed by several other senators, and as a further mark of respect an adjournment was taken until Saturday. Among the speakers were Senators Daniel of Virginia and Morgan of Alabama.

The Senate passed bills authorizing Robert A. Chapman, of Alabama, to use the waters of the Coosa river in Alabama for the purpose of generating electricity; to make Wilmington, N. C., a port through which merchandise may be imported for transportation without appraisement.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, gave notice that on Saturday he would address the Senate regarding the construction of an isthmian canal.

House of Representatives.

Unexpectedly and without warning in the House to-day, during the consideration of the Legislative appropriation bill, Mr. Bartlett, a Georgia Democrat, sprang an amendment to appropriate $350,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law and to direct the attorney general to proceed to the prosecution of all violators of the law. Although such a provision was plainly amenable to a point of order, not a member on either side of the House raised objection. Indeed, both sides wheeled into line. All agreed that some such action was advisable. Some of the Republicans, however, raised objection to the looseness of the language of the amendment, and Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, offered as a substitute for it the language of the bill he introduced on the opening day of the session to appropriate $500,000 for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened to make the appropriation immediately available, and as amended the substitute was agreed to without division.

Mr. Bartlett wanted Mr. Hepburn to incorporate in his amendment a proviso directing the attorney general to proceed with prosecutions, but to this Mr. Hepburn objected because it contained a reflection on the attorney general.

Mr. Bartlett said the attorney general should not be criticised because he had not enforced the anti-trust laws. He said there had been no representative of the people's interest in the White House, cabinet or on the Federal bench in the fight against trusts.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, said the Sherman anti-trust law was a Republican measure, while a Democratic administration had cast doubt upon its constitutionality.

The Legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee, except for the amendment.

January 31st, at 3 o'clock, was fixed as the time for holding the exercises in connection with the acceptance of the statues of Charles Carroll and John Hansen, Maryland's contribution to Statuary Hall.

The language of the Hepburn amendment is as follows:

"That for the enforcement of the provisions of the act of July 2, 1890, the sum of $500,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not heretofore appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Attorney General in the employment of special counsel and agents of the Department of Justice to conduct proceedings, suits and prosecutions under said acts in the courts of the United States; provided, that no person shall be prosecuted or be subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, in any proceeding, suit or prosecution under said acts: Provided, further, that no person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for perjury committed in so testifying. This appropriation shall be immediately available."

CHICAGO CORN CORNER.

The So-Called Blind Pool Suffered a Severe Set Back.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 17.—Bulls and bears of the Chicago Board of Trade had a sharp and decisive struggle over December corn to-day. W. W. McCleary & Company failed to respond to margin calls and the so-called "blind pool," headed by Thomas A. Cleage, of St. Louis, suffered a severe set back. December corn receded almost six cents during the day and showed a break of about eleven cents since earlier in the month.

Mr. McCleary declared that he could pay dollar for dollar and that he probably will be ready for business to-morrow. He said that his order to have all his trades closed was forced because of excessive calls upon him for margins. Mr. McCleary is a brother-in-law of Mr. Cleage. Mr. Cleage's pool has about 8,000 members. He has been operating in St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago and at one time is said to have had as much as 11,000,000 bushels of corn in these three markets, of 4,000,000 bushels was in Chicago.

Rev. Chas. M. Beckwitb, D. D., was consecrated bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Alabama, at Montgomery yesterday.

CEDAR BLUFF, VA., Nov. 12, 1902.

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L. & N. STOCKHOLDERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

The First Since the System Passed Under Control of the Atlantic Coast Line. The Directors Chosen.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Louisville and Nashville railroad was held here to-day. More than ordinary interest centered in the gathering, as it was the first meeting of the stockholders since the system passed under the control of the Atlantic Coast Line.

The annual report of President Smith was not read, as it was made public at the brief meeting held in November.

The meeting of the stockholders was harmonious throughout, and all who attended were much pleased at the outlook as evinced by the declaration of the new directors.

While control of the Louisville and Nashville property has passed to the Atlantic Coast Line, it seems certain that the old officers of the Louisville and Nashville will be retained and the old policy continued.

W. R. Belknap presided. A few more than 400,000 of the 600,000 shares were represented. After verifying the proxies the following board of directors was chosen:

August Belmont, chairman, Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, New York, re-elected; R. G. Erwin, president Atlantic Coast Line, New York; H. M. Smith, president Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, Louisville, re-elected; H. Walters, chairman board of directors, Atlantic Coast Line, New York; Warren Delano, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Warren G. Elliott, president Atlantic Coast Line of Connecticut and general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore; Michael Jenkins, Baltimore, stockholders Atlantic Coast Line; G. P. Kingsley, third vice president New York Life Insurance Company, New York; Attilla Cox, President Columbia Finance and Trust Company, Louisville, Ky., re-elected; W. G. Kacul, president National Railroad Company of Mexico, New York, re-elected; John I. Waterbury, president Manhattan Trust Company, New York, re-elected. Walter Blackman, New York, re-elected; F. M. Lane, re-elected.

When seen after the meeting August Belmont said:

"The directors of the road will meet in New York on Friday. I prefer not to forecast their action, but I will say that there will be no radical change in policy and that the officers to be elected will be agreeable to the old constituency of the road."

Mr. Belmont and Milton H. Smith left the meeting arm-in-arm and apparently in the best of spirits. It is said that Mr. Smith will be re-elected president on Friday with the same authority, and that there will be no changes among the officers of the road.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DEWEY.

To Send an Officer to Caracas to Assist Minister Bowen—Orders for Distribution of Vessels to Follow.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The following cablegram was sent to-day by the Navy Department to Admiral Dewey, in command of the combined fleets, addressed to San Juan:

"Send competent officer with dispatch in torpedo boat destroyer or other vessel to Caracas as assistant to American minister."

The following cablegram also was sent to Commander Diehl, of the Marietta, now lying at LaGuaira:

"Send Van Duzen (executive officer of the Marietta) as assistant to the American minister temporarily."

The officer from Dewey's fleet will relieve Lieutenant Commander Van Duzen, who is only an hour distant from Caracas, when he arrives upon the scene.

It was stated at the Navy Department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the amount of work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has nearly all of the English residents in Caracas domiciled in the American legation and is feeding them from his own table.

As for the torpedo-boat destroyer, it is pointed out that it will serve as a dispatch boat to keep Mr. Bowen in touch with the nearest cable station to LaGuaira which can be relied upon to transmit messages to Washington in case the LaGuaira cable is cut as incident to the blockade.

No further orders than that noted above went forward to Dewey to-day, but Secretary Moody expects to have ready by to-morrow his order for the distribution of the vessels of the combined fleets. Up to the present moment he has not reached any settled determination as to any one ship.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF ACT.

Favorable Report on Bill for Reduction of 25 Per Cent. of Existing Schedules.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House Ways and Means Committee to-day authorized a favorable report on the bill introduced by Representative Cooper, chairman of the Insular Affairs Committee, amending the Philippine tariff act so as to provide for a reduction of the tariff on products of the Philippines coming into the United States to 25 per cent. of the existing schedules.

The Democrats sought to have amendments reported which would provide for free trade between the Philippines and the United States, but the Republican majority prevailed against them. The Republicans, with the exception of one member, who desired more time to consider the measure, voted unanimously for a favorable report. The Democrats recorded their presence without voting on the question to report the bill.

FLOODS IN TENNESSEE.

Railroads Still Badly Crippled—Much Distress Prevails—Stock Destroyed

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 17.—The railroads are still badly crippled by the serious flood conditions which have prevailed in Western Tennessee for three days. More trains, however, arrived to-day than at any time since Sunday. Between Paducah Junction and Martin, Tenn., much distress prevails. The water has partially inundated many cabins and outhouses and in some instances the negro occupants are appealing for assistance. Much live stock is reported destroyed. Conditions are steadily improving in Arkansas.

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THE BLOCKADE OF VENEZUELA'S COAST

Formal Notification Expected to be Issued by the Allied Powers To-day.

UNITED STATES' POSITION.

No Effort Will be Made to Resist a War Blockade as Against Merchant Ships. Indications That Venezuela Will Yield to Demands of Allies.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—A formal notification of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by the war vessels of the allied powers is likely to be issued to-morrow. It is understood that ships of the United States will be on precisely the same basis as those of other nations.

A War Blockade.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There will be no effort on the part of this government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuelan coast as against merchant ships. Custom requires that due notice shall be given of the blockade and that fact taken in connection with the declarations that have been made in the British Parliament by the authorized representatives of the British government will, it is understood, be sufficient to justify all neutral nations in the understanding that a state of war does actually exist. This might in the end require the issue of a proclamation of neutrality by President Roosevelt, but this, it is stated, would not be timely now.

Proposal to Arbitrate Inadequate.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadequate, unaccompanied as it is with guarantees to pay if arbitrators decide against him, and a reply in that sense has been or will be sent through Minister Bowen. Great Britain will make a similar answer. These statements are not made officially, but are derived from an excellent source.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Italian cruiser Agordat has been ordered to proceed to Venezuela.

Venezuela Will Yield.

CARACAS, Dec. 17.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies.

The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

"The Italian minister left Caracas this morning. At 8 o'clock Minister Bowen went to the Italian legation in a state carriage, accompanied by Secretary Russell, and took the Italian minister, Signor de Riva, and the Italian consul, Signor Gazzurelli, and conducted them to the railroad station where they were met by the leading Italian residents of this city. Mr. Bowen then accompanied the minister to his car, shook hands with him and handed him papers and cigars for his journey to LaGuaira.

The Venezuelan newspapers are still ignorant of the fact that the Italian minister presented an ultimatum to the Venezuelan government yesterday afternoon, and therefore there were no crowds at the railroad station and no hostile demonstration. The city is quiet to-day.

No Orders to Seize Margarita.

BERLIN, December 17.—The Foreign Office here denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur.

The Foreign Office officials allege that a sytematic effort is apparently being made to represent Germany as the propelling power in the coercion of Venezuela and as being responsible for all the harsh measures. For instance, they say, the bombardment of the forts at Puerto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the Foreign Office officials say without reservation that the bombardment was at the British commander's suggestion, the Topaze being a British ship. The German commander participated in the firing as a loyal ally.

Involves a State of War.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In the course of a long statement in the House of Commons to-day, Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers. The Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken, not to recover debts, but after a long and patient delay to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels.

Mr. Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked if the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude United States vessels. Mr. Balfour replied: 'Neutrals are not consulted when you are in a state of war with a third party."

"Is war declared?" asked Mr. Healy.

The Premier replied: "Does the honorable member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade?"

No Intention of Landing Troops.

After reiterating Lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the House of Lords yesterday, the premier continued:

"The blockade will be carried out by Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast, and though the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one force. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela or of occupying territory even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds. All the conditions governing such blockade have been carefully considered and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals. The government are most anxious that these operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they can possibly be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers. I think it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a "pacific blockade," and I, personally, take the same view. Evidently a blockade involves a state of war."

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement with stating he could make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela would be accepted by Great Britain.

LaGuaira Blockaded.

CARACAS, Dec. 17.—The blockade of LaGuaira, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan government December 13th, went into effect to-day. The order applies to Venezuelan vessels only.

It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated and the discussion of the terms of settlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators. The government fears that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

The Anthracite Coal Operators Opened Their Side of the Controversy at Yesterday's Session.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 17.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers to-day before the strike commission, and the attorneys who are on record before the commission as representing the non-union men who have been admitted to the arbitration scheme began calling witnesses. The sessions to-day were probably the liveliest yet held by the commission. At the morning session the miners' lawyers challenged the fairness of certain wage statements handed to the commission by the Pennsylvania Coal Company and in the afternoon Lawyer Darrow had a spirited discussion with Chairman Gray as to whether or not the miners had a right to know who is paying the lawyers representing the non-union men before the commission. Mr. Darrow asserted they were employed by the coal operators. Preceding this, Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Reading Company, who delivered the opening address on behalf of all the large companies, made the point in his address that the recognition of the union is not an issue before the commission, which brought out a protest from Mr. Darrow. The latter claimed that if it were not, then the operators should be forbidden from presenting testimony that tended to show the union was responsible for all the alleged violence committed during the strike.

Ira H. Burns, one of the attorneys for the independent operators, presented the opening statement of the individual companies. This statement asked that if the commission's award favored the mine workers the latter should give some assurance that they would not interfere with non-union men.

It was arranged that the attorneys representing the non-union men should first call their witnesses and five witnesses were produced who testified that strikers had killed one and had more or less seriously injured two other men who worked during the suspension. The first witness was Mrs. Jas. Wenson, the wife of the murdered man and the second was her son-in-law. Mr. Darrow asked the son in law who was paying the lawyers who are representing the non union men, and then ensued the liveliest tilt that has occurred in the sessions of the commission. Counsel for the witness objected and Mr. Darrow insisted that the commission had a right to know who were back of the non-union men, but Chairman Gray differed with him.

The colloquy was carried on for some time, and finally Chairman Gray consulted his colleagues and as a result quietly answered that the commissioners thought it immaterial who was back of the non-union men.

PRESIDENT CASTRO'S ENERGY

He Has Transformed Venezuela Into a Vast Camp—Has Raised an Army of 40,000 Men to Fight the Allies

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 17—During the last ten days President Castro has acted with extraordinary energy. He has transformed the entire country into a vast camp, having raised more than 40,000 men, whom he has well armed, equipped and transported from every direction to LaGuaira and Puerto Cabello, in the expectation that the allies would attempt to land at one or both of these points.

But there has been a change of feeling, and the prominent men of Venezuela who were at one time ready to lead the people in the defence of their country, now consider that justification to take the men of the republic away from their families and their work does not exist. They have resolved to discover a means to bring about arbitration or at least treat with the allies. The means sought is thought to lie through the United States legation, and satisfactory results are on every hand expected to follow.

A member of the ministry said to the correspondent of the Associated Press, "The United States has not prevented the allies from assailing us, but it has obliged them to accept our terms."

CONDITIONS IN HAYTI.

Order Re-established at Port-at-Prince. U. S. Legation Protected by Troops.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PORT AU-PRINCE, HAYTI, Dec. 17.—Order has been re-established here. During the fighting yesterday a number of persons were wounded including two Italians, who were seriously injured.

Two men accused of committing crimes were executed during the day without trial.

The United States legation is protected by troops.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mrs. Mary E. Bulloch, widow of the late Dr. W. G. Bulloch, who was a relative of President Roosevelt, died yesterday of pneumonia in Savannah, Ga.

It is announced in a special dispatch from Seoul that the United States minister to Corea has demanded the payment of $1,500,000 due to the builders of the electric railroad.

A Vienna cablegram says: According to dispatches from Hungary, sixty-three persons were frozen to death there during the last three days. Wolves are devastating the sheep folds and have devoured three shepherds.

The steamer Allegheny which arrived at New York yesterday from West Indian ports reports having passed on December 14th the schooner Maggie G. Hart from Jacksonville for New York, abandoned in a waterlogged condition.

Rev. S. A. Archer, a Baptist minister, was killed near Decatur, Ala., by Casey Holland, a young farmer. The two quarrelled over a load of wood and Holland struck Archer on the head with a stick of wood. Holland made his escape.

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And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors; pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 21 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $2.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3 50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases. Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 29c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1.50 each.

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